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Hello,

I would like to let you know that I oppose the Microsoft settlement.

I've worked for numerous technology companies, both as a full-time employee and as a contractor, and I've seen first-hand some of the abuses that Microsoft has caused the computer industry due to its monopoly power.

I've managed to make a living using non-Microsoft application software, and interoperating with their applications or creating applications of my own as alternatives to their software.

However, I fear that Microsoft will continue to use their desktop operating system and business application control to push into the server software market and eliminate applications that do not feed Microsoft's revenue stream in some way, just as they have done in the desktop and business software markets.

I oppose the proposed settlement on the grounds that it does not do enough to restrict Microsoft from using their monopoly power to push out smaller business from any market that they turn their attention to.

Thank you.
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